REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

The First Sale of the Season and Its Lesson.

The Philosophy of Renaming Our Uptown Streets-A Compromise Effected Between Westsiders and Eastsiders-The Designations Adopted for the Avenues and Thoroughfares-Work on the Riverside Park Begun in Earnest-The Lower Part of Westchester and the Beneficial Results of Annexation-The Park Commissioners Want to Stop Further Improvements Up Town-Sales Past and to Come.

The close of the week has not demonstrated anything more active in real estate transactions than we gave to our readers on the 7th instant, in to the sale of the Lehmaier lots by Messrs. Mulier, Wilkins & Co., held at the Exchange, on the 6th of the month. The extensive advertising one by the auctioneers and the high reputation of the owner of the property tended to gather a critics say. The first few lots offered were sold at dium prices, while all that were disposed of ted very low rates. The consequence was that a large number of the plots were bought in, otherwise they would have been sacrificed. In all

MR there is a moral.

Mrst—The proprietor of the eighty-seven lots.

Mered for sale is known as a shrewd operator in real estate, and, having determined to reside permanently in Europe, it was thought that any price offered would be accepted; but when it was found that lots on 125th street, between Ninth and Tenth awenues, only brought \$4,000 each, and others in desirable localities like low prices, the further sales made were only nominal.

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Scond—The money market was any way but favorable to speculators in real estate, borowing rates ruling beyond reaching rates.

Third—The uncertainty of the repeal of the usury laws and these exempting mortgages from taxation; all these causes had a depressing infunence on the real estate market, which even the tempting offers of the auctioneers failed to dispel. Some people say that this sale, being the first beavy offer of the season, on private terms, was held too early, and if it had been held a few weeks later the entire property would have been disposed of a remunerative rates.

NAMING UPTOWN STREETS.

This subject, which the Executive Committee of he West Side Association has altogether assumed charge of, irrespective of rights east side owners may possess and which the west siders are sup-posed to respect, having been commented upon by the HERALD as it deserves, assumed a more popular form and is now in a more just and equitable anner of being properly carried out. The greatest excitement prevailed among property owners of both sections of the city, and it was finally aranged to hold a meeting of those interested down town to discuss the matter. Subject to cotices issued through the press and the mail a number of extensive property ewners met on Saturday afternoon at the new office of Mr. John McClave, No. 1 Pine street, where met on Saturday atternoon at the new effice of Mr. John McClave, No. 1 Pine street, to take into consideration the propriety of recom-mending to the Common Council the new names for our uptown avenues and streets. Some of the members of the West Side Association insisted upon the names proposed by them, while others opposed the same. Finally a compromise was effected by allowing concessions, and the names mentioned below were determined upon to be sub-mitted, and if the owners of lots on the streets thereby affected have no objection, the same will go into operation as soon as confirmed by the city government: rovernment:—
The following are the designations:—

Bighth avenue, from Fifty-minth street to Hoth stree. Ninth avenue, north of Bloomingdale avenue boulevard. Tenth avenue, north of Fort George avenue.

poulevard.
Eleventh avenue, north West End avenue.
Seventh avenue, north of Seventh avenue boulevard.
High street. Sixth avenue, north of 110th Sixth avenue boulevard. street.

Grand boulevard, north of

Pitty-nimth street.

Beventy-second street, from

Eighth avenue to iludson

River.

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Avenue St. Nicholas is to retain its present name.
All having objections to the above names are requested to send the same to the office, where the meeting was held. Next Saturday the same gentlemen will again assemble at Mr. McClave's establishment to take final action in the matter.

Commissioner Van Nort deserves the thanks of the real estate interest for the energy displayed by him in pushing forward the work on Riverside Park. Upwards of one hundred laborers are actively employed on this job, and as soon as the frost is out of the ground this number will be increased as large as can be conveniently handled. In the meantime the authorities should not neglect to have a circle similar to the one at handled. In the meantime the authorities should not neglect to have a circle similar to the one at the entrance of the Fifth avenue, established at the entrance of the Kiverside Park, and at the outlet of the Central Park at Seventy-second street and Eighth avenue. Such an improvement would greatly add to the beauty of this gateway, and also enhance the value of the surrounding property. Sooner or later this work will be undertaken, and why should it not be done now, while the lots required for that purpose can still be had for a reasonable figure, before improvements in the meighborhood will make it as valuable as Fifth avenue property? nue property?

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A few remarks in relation to values in THE LOWER PART OF WESTONESTER MAY NOT be inopportune while annexation and rapid transit are on the tapis. We do not propose to indulge in figures, but rather refer to certain general facts which control.

In the first place, as it is the advance of the great city Westchesterwards that is stimulating values there, we must naturally look for the highest appreciation in localities topographically superior, and situated so as to be easily accessible from

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THE CITY'S GREAT VONITORIES,
such as Third avenue, over the iron bridge; Fourth avenue, over the railroad bridge; Seventh and Eighth avenues, over Central bridge; through the tunnel that is to replace it, and from the Soulevard section proper over the suspension bridge already determined on; also the old railroad on the Hudson River side and the steamboat routes terminating on the Harlem.

On the foregoing routes only the steam roads are continuous into Westchester. These give property accessible by them the advantage of unbroken and quick communication with the city, and, except the Hudson River Road, they take up and deposit their passengers upon and along that valuable and almost

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Island which tuns northerly along the easterly boundary of the Central Park and through the Boulevard district of Harlem. Property in Westchester, that is superior topographically, and yet unimproved, on this central route, in large parcels, that may be judiciously restricted and of easy access to a station, will reflect more than any other the valuable qualities of the choice section of the city with which the present steam transit directly connects it. The section now traversed by The "DOLLY VARDEN" TRAINS between the Fourth avenue bridge and the Hudson River, on the Westchester side, exhibits in a darge degree the advantages herein particularly referred to, the only noticeable exceptions that occur being where the creeks empty into the Harlem River and a magnificent site near Spuyten Duvvil, that has been prematurely cut up and built upon in a very inferior manner. All large parcels of commanding situation near stations on the trunk line traversed by the Harlem and New Haven Railroads are of similar desirability, but on this line only few such properties have been reserved for the present market. South of Williams-bridge

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THE LORMILARD ESTATE

was one of the latest to succumb to the policy of throwing suburban lots on the market before needed for improvement, that ruled in Westchester county over twenty years ago. That policy is most conspicuously illustrated by the present condition of the property lying on the railroad between Williamsbridge and Mount Vernon, all of which, with the exception of the Briggs farm, at the junction of the Harlem and New Haven Kallroad, and the Penfield farm, nearer Mount Vernon, has lais for years cut up in lots and mainly unimproved, in the hands of multitudinous owners, whose separate and diverse opinions and interests now preclude the unity of action and concentration of capital upon the lots that are essential to their development and appreciation. So much for values on the continuous steam roads. At another time we may refer to values in other quarters.

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Quite a stir has been made among real estate owners relative to the action of the Park Commissioners requesting the Counsel to the Corporation to discontinue proceedings in all cases of street and avenue openings north of 155th street. The Park Commissioners claim the right to control these proceedings absolutely; but, as the Park Commissioners had to make the Commissioner of

no legal right to order a discontinuance of the proceedings unless the Commissioner of Public Works was also made a party to the same, which has not been done.

It is understood that he is not in favor of such discontinuance, as, in one case at least—that of the proceedings for taking the Western Boulevard—the Commissioners will be able to report within hitcen days, and the property holders above 155th street are getting up a remonstrance azainst any such general discontinuance of proceedings. It is evident that the Park Commissioners are exceeding their powers; and, as the Commissioners of Awards and Assessments are officers of the Supreme Court, no general action can be had against them. If any neglect of duty, of incompetence or maleasance in office can be alleged and proven against them, individually or collectively, then it is in order to make a motios for vacating their appointment or discontinuance of proceedings. In any other case the action of the Park Commissioners is an impertinence, as setting themselves above the authority of the Supreme Court. Such a claim is not likely to meet with much favor from real estate owners or the public generally.

The following few private sales are reported by S. Eddy & Co., No. I Park place:—No. 23, 23%, 23, 23 and 35 couth that av., e. s., between Bleecker and Amity sta., for \$125,000. The property is equivalent to about 4% foil lost. At C. Lamona & Co., No. B Pine at —2 full hots on lifeth at Bonlevard; the five tots together for \$42,000.

V. K. blevenson & Sons—I lots on 85d st., 647 ft. w. of Souleyard, 100 (1942) (1

v., for \$15,000.

V. K. Stevenson & Sons—4 lots on 85d st., 647 ft. w. of oulevard. 100x1024, for \$28,000.

Goodenouph & Woher, 111 Broadway, have just sold at rivate sale the four story brown stone building and lot at the n. e. center of 8th av. and 35d st., for \$38,315; also he three story brick house and lot on the southerly side 1 bits st. \$35 leet easterly from 11th av., with 2 lots in the car on 50th st., for \$27,000. The following are some of the legal sales for next

Sale by George Putnam Smith, Esq., referee, 2 houses and lots, n. s. 103d st., 65 test w. old av., cach 17.6x.50,11.

Sale by order of administrators of Thomas Tileston. Sale by order of executors of Paul Spofford, lesse of lot, with five story pron from store, 37 Barclay st., through to 42 Park place, 25x159.7.

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Sale by order of Charles E. Crowell, referee—Store and lot 66 Front street, 12 6x85.6. at three o'clock, at Petier's Hotel, New Brighton, Staten Island—Fourteen plots of ground in Grand View Park.

ART MATTERS.

Somerville Art Gallery. the merit of the 130 pictures hanging at present upon the walls of the Somerville Art Gallery, 82 Fifth avenue. The collection is owned by Messrs. Williams and Everett, of Boston, and has been transferred to this city in consequence of the temporary indifference which the recent fire in Boston has created with reference to works of art. Among the paintings will be found a large proportion of fresh works gathered for this season's trade. Of the foreign works the majority were chosen in Europe last Summer, and a large number were either painted specially to order or purchased directly occur Bougereau, Barth, Zwengaur, Beranger, Zamaçeis, Borillowen, Worms, Bakalowicz, Verschuur, Corot, Verboeckhoven, Courbet, Tschaggeny, De Comerick, De Vrint, Toulmouch, Tissot, De Buel, De Noter, Tourney, Troyon, Schreyer, Dieffenbach, Jules Dupré, Daubigney, Roelofs, Rousseau, Lejeune, Reinhart, Escosura, Perignon, T. Frère, F. Meyer, J. Hubner, Mall, Kuwasseg, Meisel, Meyer von Bremen, Lambinet and Lambert. American painters, however, have not been forgotten, and the visitor with find apt representation given to Weber, Hetzel, S. Coleman, Cass, Tait, Hinckley, Bricher, Sonntag, Gay, Birstadt, Richards, Guy, Brown, Lambden, Dunning, Bellows, Bacon, Key and Coleman. The exhibition, which is free, will remain open day and evening and 18 being set apart for the sale. Meantime the display is a very interesting one, and in some respects a valuable appanage to other expositions of spects a valuable appanage to other expositions of the kind to which we have recently asked attention. The Rossiter collection, the sale of which concluded last night, presented almost equal claims to the antiquary and the connoisseur in art. Mr. Brevoort's group of pictures at the Leavitt Art Gallery compels interest, because it is the comprehensive expression of some of that artist's best powers. The display at the Academy of Design presents strong claims, whether the water colors, that are strictly American, come under consideration, or whether criticism be extended to those that are English. In the same way the assemblage of paintings now at the Somerville Gallery (and there are a few water-colors among them) makes exactions which it would be ill-taste to dispute. First class artists of neither Europe nor America are unrepresented, and the range of subjects interpreted is very wide and catholic. In "Taking Toil" Henry Hacon piquantly illustrates an episode which certainly no youthful observer will appreciate the less for having possibly been the principal actor in a similar experience. A. F. Bellows is almost as even in excellence as he is prolific in execution, and to give him all the credit he deserves we should be obliged to more than merely mention his "Fording the Stream," "Summer Time" and "Early Autumn." There is much sweetness of feeling in Antoine Dienenbach's "Good Friends," suggesting the mutual understanding existing between a pet goat, which evidently likes to be (ondled, and a sweet-faced little peasantess, with a basket filled with grasses at her back. The "Laad, scape Sunset," of Jules Dupré, rivets attention by the kind to which we have recently asked attendied, and a sweet-faced little peasantess, with a basket filled with grasses at her back. The "Landscape Sunset," of Jules Dupré, rivets attention by reason of its mournful sentiment in the reproduction of that sudden desolation which falls upon tree and river from which the latest sunrays have just departed. Some well-painted 'Lillies' by George C. Lambden, of Philadelphia, are companionable to "A Vase of Roses" by the same artist, and beside them may be mentioned "Azaaias," still by the same hand. One of the largest pictures on view is Adolph Schreyer's "Arabs in Ambush—Early Morn," which will usually be found surrounded by an animated coterie. Three Arabs on horseback, "with eye and ear attentive bent," are lying in wait in a large cleft among the rocks. The three steeds are powerfully painted, and quite as strong and as contrastive individualities are indicated in them as in their riders. Experience teaches us that it would be unreasonable to expect any collection of this kind to be considered complete without something from George Inness. His "Early Spring on the Campagna" reeks with those mannerisms which most or us have come to consider delighting because they are so notably interwoven with his breadth, ease and freedom. "The Vintage," by William Adolphe Bougereau, shows a girl kolding a piatter of grapes. Her eyes are tender, wistful and full of the enchantment of sadness. The figure is almost faultesly drawn. John L. Key's "Cluffs at Newport, R. L." calls for mention because of the sense of openness space, and breeziness which it begets, and Phil. Rousseau's "Dessert Table," a water color, is one out of several excellent reproductions of fruit. The growing interest feit in the brush of N. T. Richards receives fress confirmation in the presence in this collection of his "Coast on a es at her back. The "L wenne, over the values bridge; through the such that set orepiace it, and from the doulevard ection proper over the suspension bridge are red to the mane that is to replace it, and from the doulevard ection proper over the suspension bridge are red to the set of the test of the tes

Impression of depth, distance and remoteness is powerful and most pleasant. Similar in its effect is W. Boelot's "Meadows Near Brussels." "Entering the Stable," by W. Verschuur, is a theme which amateurs who i ave never studied any of Ross Bonheur's claborations would be prepared to admire. The action of the horse is very spirited and free. The student of color may sake his thirst to some extent with Adien Biorcan's "Gather ing Flowers." There is a smack of priestly scandal and mediaval debauchery in E. Metsel's "The Monk and the Baron." Finally, character and vitality are discernable in Gabriel's "View in Holland," Stadtmann's "Winter Scene" and Michetti's "Hop Field." The number we have thus far specified is calculated to show that Messrs. Williams and Everett's collection is no mean one, but will bear comparison with the exhibition which, under the same management, enjoyed such liberal endorsement here a year ago.

The Pretender Claims the Throne

The exhibition of pictures at the New British In-stitution, No. 39 Old Bond street, London, is a mixsmall in size. The number, exhibited is 258, and among the contributors are W. Cave Thomas, H. Selous, Baron Gudin, B. W. Leader, C. Y. Lidderdale, De Haas, De Breanski, H. Schlesinger, F. Goodall, R. A.; J. Peel, A. Corbould, J. H. Walker, Marshai Claxton, C. M. Webb, W. Gale, J. H. L. De Haas, T. Earl, R. Ansdell, R. A.; C. Marshall and P. amornière. The water-color drawings number sixty-six.

In a lecture delivered December 3, by Mr. C. Meymott Tidy, at the London Hospital the lecturer said:—"Supposing Turner had been astigmatic, it was a matter of no importance. Turner drew and painted as he saw. Let me put a most extreme case. Supposing he was painting a man, and, owing to some peculiarity of his eye, he saw him case. Supposing he was painting a man, and, owing to some peculiarity of his eye, he saw him upside down. Of course, when he painted him, he would paint him in the position in which he saw him. But, masmuch as to my eye the subject would be in the right position, as a matter of necessity the picture that Turner drew would be in the right position to my eye, though not to his. Inasmuch as the object to my eye was not distorted, no more would the object that he had painted on his canvas be distorted. In the same way, if he saw a tree that looked to him askew, and painted it askew, I look at the tree, I see it is not askew any more than his drawing. It seems to me that Mr. Liebreich has fogotten that we do not see with Turner's eyes, and that the eye with which Turner saw was the same eye with which Turner painted. And I think precisely the same thing may be said respecting Mr. Liebreich's criticism of Muiready's later pictures, accounting for the peculiar coloring by the change of color that the lens undergoes in some cases with age. If Muiready saw a sunset as a deep blue he mixes his colors a deep blue; but inasmuch as to my eye the sunset is not a deep blue, but a deep red, as a matter of necessity the color which Muiready mixed would be to my eye a deep red too. The simple fact is that Muiready saw and Mulready painted with the same eye. He saw, perhaps, with a different eye to mine; but if he has closely imitated the object he is painting you may depend upon it the color will be the same to me. I do not think, therefore, for one moment that Mr. Liebreich has thrown any light whatever on the peculiarities of style of these two great English painters."

The painters Laneveu, Cabal and Meissonier are named as candidates for the directorship of the French Academy in Rome.

Since the Ecole ges Beaux Arts was first thrown open in January, 1864, it has been frequented by 28,000 vistors. The librarian, M. Vinet, has recently brought to light 130 valuable masterly sketches.

During the past year Messrs, Bommat, Colin

Queen of Naples, who is represented, like Wilkie's "Maid of Saragossa," about to apply a match to a cannen.

The Winter exhibition of the London Society of Painters in Water Colors is stated to be exceptionally brilliant. The collection of sketches and studies in the London Institute of Painters in Water Colors is likewise represented as excelling all that have preceded it.

Deficiency in ambition is mentioned as the peculiar failing of the Exhabition of the London Photographic Society, Conduit street.

The Liverpool Art Club gave its first exhibition on the 12th of last December. It was founded on the 27th of the preceding November.

Ry the recent death of Miss Isabella Mather, of Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, in her eightieth year, an interesting collection of miniatures will be added to the Town Musseum. About twenty-five years ago, when Louis Napoleon was in pecuniary difficulties, Mr. John Mather purchased from him a number of miniatures of the different members of his family, including the parents of Napoleon I. and portraits of his most celebrated marshals. After Napoleon III, was declared Emperor he attempted to buy back the miniatures; but Mr. Mather declined to part with them, and by his will bequeathed them to the town on his sister's demise.

NEW YORK CITY.

The police arrested 1,509 persons during the pas Comptroller Green reports the receipts for taxes

There were 573 deaths, 464 births, 186 marriages

and 64 stillbirths in the city last week. Marshal Hart reports 139 licenses granted dur-

The complaint of intoxication against Inspecto McDermott was dismissed yesterday by the Police Commissioners. There were twenty-eight fires last week, upon

which the estimated loss was \$17,575, and the in-Three thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight persons were accommodated with lodgings at the different station houses last week.

Sixteen cases of smallpox were reported to Dr.

Jones, the City Sanitary Inspector, last week. Four deaths occurred from the same disease. Seven boys, whose ages rauged from twelve to

seventeen years, were last week sent to the schoolship Mercury for attempts to pick the pockets of people passing tarough Broadway. Coroner Keenan held an inquest at Bellevue Hospital yesterday on the body of James Campbell, age and nativity unknown. Death was asserted to have resulted from compound fracture and depression of the skull.

There will be celebrated at the Church of St. Joseph, in Sixth avenue, at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning next, a requiem mass for the repose of the souls of the late Professor Autonio Bagiola and Theresa Bagiola Sickles.

Owners of horses have been requested to call at the office of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and to sign a petition to the Legislature for the immediate passage of a law to prohibit the salting of the city streets.

The officials connected with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company say the detention of the Henry Chauncey is doubtless owing to the destruc-tion of the company's whart at Aspawaii during the hurricane of the 18th uitimo. They expect the vessel in port to-day.

Calvary Cemetery is to be enlarged, and its trustees are negetiating for the purchasing of 600 acres upon the hills between Jamaica and Queens. It is said that the view from these hills is one of the finest to be obtained on the island, as it extends to the ocean, the highlands of Neversink and Jersey City.

James Donahue, Superintendent of the Free Laoor Bureau, Nos. 8 and 10 Clinton place, makes the following report of business for the week ending February 8:—Applications for the week ending February 8:—Applications for employment, 853. Of these there were 142 maies and 711 icmales; Male help required, 111; females, 729; situations procured for 91 maies and 618 females. Whole number of situations procured for the week, 709.

An unknown woman whipped up a child named Amelia Gardel yesterday on the corner of Ninth street and Broadway, and disappeared with her. Three children were standing on the corner of the street when the woman approached, and sald to Amelia, "I will show you the building." At that she took the little girl, who was but live years old, and ran away with her. The police are looking for the woman.

BROOKLYN POLICE WORK.

There were 395 persons arrested in Brooklyn last Thomas Jackson, who was taken into custody on Friday night for dearing in policy at a store on the corner of Gold and Tillary streets, was yesterday

corner of Gold and Tillary streets, was yesterday committed by Justice Waish to await the action of the Grand Jury. John Smith, John Arnoid and James Newton were arrested for playing policy at the place named.

The police broke up a place of assignation, kept by one Emma Howard, at No. 171 Myrtle avenue. The proprietress, who is a native of Jersey and eighteen years of age, was held to await the action of the Grand Jury. Eliza Ross, sixteen years of age, was, at the request of her father, sent to the House of the Good Shepherd by the Police Justice, that she may be kept apart from bad companionship.

The Pretender Claims the Throne of England and Styles Himself William the Fifth.

THE FUNERAL AT GRACE CHURCH.

Among the list of deaths published in the HERALD of last Tuesday morning appeared the following brief notice:

GRAGIE.—In New York city, on Sunday, Pebruary 2, 1873, of pueumonia, William Rysam Gracie, in the 71st year of his age.
The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, at Grace church. New York city, on Tuesday, February 4, at ten colock A.M.
Perhaps of the hundreds of thousands who rend

this brief advertisement not a dozen outside of the relatives and intimate friends of the deceased were aware of the romance, or, rather, life-long halluci-nations attendant on the existence of the subject

of the advertisement.
For fifty years of his life William Rysam Gracie believed himself to be the last lineal descendant of the great and unfortunate, as well as royal houses of Stuart and Sobieski, and there were many well informed and respectable, but credulous, people in this city and in Europe who had an abiding faith in his claims to the throne of Great Britain and Ire-

Under the great dome of St. Peter's, at Rome there is raised a white marble shaft, the work of the great Canova, bearing the names of James the Third (the old Pretender), Charles the Third & rince Charles Edward Stuart) and Henry the Ninth (the Cardinal Duke of York). It was the belief of old Mr. Gracie that he was the son and last male issue of the Pretender, Prince Charles Edward, who died at Rome on the 30th of January, 1788, without legit-imate issue. Mr. Gracie claimed the title of William the Fifth, King of England. Many of our citizens were familiar with the face and figure of the soi-disant King of England. He a man of powerful frame, florid with a venerable appearance, fine eyes, and had a plentiful head face, of white hair. Since 1820 Mr. Gracie had been possessed of the hailucination that he was unjustly deprived of his birthright as ruler of Great Britain. On Sunday morning, February 2, at half-past three o'clock, the pretender to the English crown died in a small room on the third floor of the Washing. ton Hotel, corner of Twenty-seventh street and Fourth avenue, in this city. For four years William Rysam Gracie had been an inmate of the Washington House, and was well known to the boarders and proprietors of the establishment. Many people at the first glance took Mr. Gracie for Horace Greeley; but it must be said that his features and carriage were of the true Stuart type. He had the eval face, peculiar chin, frank and merry eye and all the appearance of careless bonhommuse which were characteristic of that ill-fated race. The father of Mr. Gracie was born in Scotland, and was in some way connected with the house of Stuart; but what branen of that royal line he was connected with is not known.

nected with is not known.

Those who knew the deceased best represent him as being in manner a periect gentleman, full of courtesy and chivalrous notions, and courageous in character as no Stuart ever failed to be. Some thirty years are this hallucination in the brain of Mr. Gracle became an insensate monomania. He was possessed of a comfortable property of 600 acres, in Homer, Cortlandt county, N. Y. Owing to this unfortunate delusion, principally, it is said, Mr. Gracle became separated from his wife, and during the last thirty years of his life they had not encountered each other more than two or three tiges. His property was placed for his benefit in the hands of trustees, to be administered by them, and regularly once every three months Mr. Charles E. Jones, a wealthy resident of this city, whose town house is at No. 18 East Thirty-second street, and who has country residences at Cold Spring and Eaton's Neck, Long Island, called at the Washington House and paid the bills of the supposed King of England. His room rent amounted to \$3.50 a week and he eat his meals at the restaurant on the ground floor. Almost equaling his mania in regard to his ciain to the throne of England was the passion which Mr. Gracie had for pork and beans. It must be added, too, that he would take a little whiskey when occasion did not call for it.

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thirty years—a poor, broken-down oid lady—was present. She seemed deeply affected, and sobbed andibly.

What his presumed connection with the House of Stuart was no one could ever find out, though he has persistently and repeatedly asserted his legitimate issue from that royal race. The deceased was a man of undoubted courage and had a high sense of personal henor. About twelve months ago he had a difficulty with regard to politics with a man larger than himself and who is not more than thirty-five years of age. It occurred in the Washington Hotel, and the younger man insuited old Mr. Gracie in the most gross manner. The commingled blood of Arabella Stuart and John Sobeiski rose to lever heat, and old Mr. Gracie knocked his opponent down and choked him vigorously.

The deceased left a comfortable property, which | this city,

will fall to his relatives, in default of the finding of a will. Formerly the family held very valuable property at Jamatea, L. I., and Mr. Gracie at one time was in the habit of spending many of his leisure hours there and at his home, in Homer, Cortland county, N. Y.

HORSE NOTES.

The drivers and trainers of trotting horses of this neighborhood held a meeting on Friday even-ing in Thirty-muth street, preliminary to the in-auguration of a "Drivers' Protective Union." This class of men seem to think they have rights as well as the proprietors of trotting parks or members of the Board of Appeals, and intend in the future to protect them. They think Vail & Co. have had things their way long enough, and it is now the drivers' turn to make rules for their own gov-

Frank W. Miller, who lives a mile or more out of Portsmouth, N. H., drove into town a few days ago with a pair of colts, six months old, to the wonde and amazement of all who witnessed the exhibi tion. It was the first time the colts were ever harnessed together; but they behaved well. They The severe and trying Winter has depressed the

spirits of the owners of fast stock in the West, and many fearing the effects of the epizoety if sharp work were given during the intense cold, but few of the flyers have appeared on the Chicago ave nues, notwithstanding the fine sleighing.

The trotter Chicago, formerly Rockey, is winter-

ing on the farm of his owners at Kankakee. Some unscrupulous men have sold a horse in New York represented to be mm, by which the purchaser, too late, found he was duped on the receipt of an answer to his letter of inquiries to Chicago. The penitentiary is the proper quarters for that class of

There is an indication now that a cluo will be formed which will give \$75,000 in purses at Dexter Park either preceding or immediately after the Ruffalo meeting. Should the parties now considering the project conclude to do so there can be ne estion of ultimate success.

While trotters are greatly in excess of racehorses north and west of the Ohio River, there are quite a number of the latter found about Springfield, Galesburg and Chicago.

A two-year-old filly, by a Lexington horse, and out of a full sister to Joe Daniels-Phœnix Bellehas been matched against one of the same age, by Malcolm, out of Maggie Mitchell, by imported Yorkshire, to run, at Dexter Park, half a mile, next June, for a large stake. The match excites a great deal of interest in the West, and promises to be quite a sporting affair.

There is a rumor of another match, or rather a series of matches, in which a well-known turfman backs a comparatively green horse, one that has only won one race, and that in slow time, to beat the fastest record at three distances, he making the selection between one mile and twenty. Although not yet publicly endorsed by the principals, there is every reason to believe in the authenticity of the report, as the backer of the horse has frequently offered to make these matches. It appears as though the supporters of "time" had "the best of it," and will be benefited by the whole amount of the stakes-\$3,000 aside. It is understood the selected distances will be four, five and ten miles. To beat the records for these distances great speed and endurance will be required.

Flora Belle is reported to be wintering well, and Westernites are sanguine she will clip the wings of any of the Eastern flyers of her class she may encounter the coming season.

Mr. George B. Alley has sold to Mr. Frank Work a team of trotters. Price \$7,500.

The Preakness breeding stud, the property of M. H. Sanford, in Kentucky, is composed of the following stallions and brood mares:—Glenelg, Baywood, Virgil, Blunder, Bon Bon, Cordella, Cornflower, Dot, Earring, Eden, Edeny, Elizir, Finesse, Goldstene, Goneril, Gong, Grecian Bena, Item, Jolly One, Joke, Katinka, Lady Molesworth, Laz. La Henderson, La Bruna, La Polka, Lark, Lax, Laxy, Laxity, Lute, Madame Dudley, Mary Martin, Minx, Miss Music, Nannie Butler, Niagara, Notice, Regan, Salina, Stamps, Tatoo, The Nun, Ulrica. Tetal, three stallions and forty mares.

James Robinson, the once famous English jockey, died on Wednesday last at his residence in Newmarket, after a very long illness. He won the Derby with Azor in 1817, and closed his turf career n 1852, when, being thrown from the two-year-old colt Feramorz, he broke his left thigh, his collar bone and several ribs. The injury to Robinson's thigh was of such a nature as to preclude the possibility of his again appearing as a lockey.

case of Mrs. Catharine Morgan, alleged to have been murdered in her shanty on the rocks on the northeast corner of Fifty-fifth street and Broadway, by her husband, Josiah Morgan, but owing to the non-appearance of the witness, Jane Brackett, who did not arrive in time from the Reception Hospital, where she has been detained for medical treatment, the matter was adjourned till next Tuesday. Morgan, the alleged murderer, is a beardless youth who claims to be only twenty years of age, and his looks Indicate that he is not older. Coroner Keenan sent him to the Tombs.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Roger Maher, sixty years of age, was found wandering at the Grand Central depot yesterday by the police of the Twenty-ninth precinct. He had a slight cut on the throat and was sent to Bellevue Hospital. It appears he attempted to cut his throat on the 6th inst. at Hillsborough, N. H., where he was put on board the cars and sent to

FATUER STARRS' OBSEQUIES.

The Pastorate in Mulberry Street Thronged with Mourners.

THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Remains of the Vicar General To Be Brought to the Cathedral To-Day-The Procession and the Ceremonies-The Palibearers-Distinguished Clergy Who Are To Be Present-Meeting of the Trustees of the Cathedral-Resolutions Passed.

The pastoral residence of the Cathedral was bedeged all day yesterday by crowds of persons late Vicar General. All day long the cordon of visitors poured through the house, many keeling in prayer for a moment near the catafalque, near which sat in silence and mourning six Sisters of Charity. The tapers burned all day and the house was as silent as the tomb, save the noise of the entering and retiring footsteps, which sounded like the throb of a mighty pulse. Late in the afternoon the visitors became Late in the afternoon the visitors became more numerous, and shop girls and factory girls swelled the crowd, anxious to gaze for the last time on the face of one who had at some time or other administered to them spiritual con or charitable aid. Many wept and all wore the look of sorrow and bereavement. The Sisters, whose presence lent to the solemnity and melan-choly of the scene, never stirred unless to sum the waxen lights or adjust some flower that had tallen stream of visitors continued to flow through the steps of retiring hundreds to disturb the supreme

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE BODY have been perfected by Mr. Hart, who has the matter in charge. The body is to remain in the pastorate until two o'clock to-day, when it will be removed to the Cathedral, and there lie in state until two o'cleck on Monday, when it will be interred in the vault underneath the church. As first it was decided to have the body brought across the street and into the Cathedral through Mulberry street entrance, the way in which Father Starrs has gone to church for many years past. But on investigation and mature consideration it was discovered that such a course would not only be inconvenient, but almost impossible, and the de-termination new arrived at, and to be carried into effect, is to carry the remains from the house through Mulberry street to Prince street, down Prince to Mott and up Mott to the church door, and through the nave of the church to the altar rails. THE PROCESSION.

silk velvet, with gold and sliver mounting, handles and plate, is to be carried by Messrs. O'Reilly, silk veivet, with gold and sliver monaring, handles and plate, is to be carried by Messrs. O'Reilly4 Corchoran, Hevan, Kenny, Miner and Doyle, of the St. Vincent de Paul Conierence, and will be preceded by Doctors O'Horke, Wood and Clarke, the late vicar's medical attendants. The following gentlemen, trustees of the Cathedral, are to be the palibearers:—Messrs. D. Carolin, P. Dolan, John Keily, John McKeon, M. O'Keefe, P. Hagam, John McKinnelly and T. O'Donohue. The palibearers will be flunked by the Board of managers of the Orphan Asylum, and the St. Vincent de Paul Conference will form a hollow square around the whole. The hollow square convenient the Conference of the Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference will form a hollow square around the whole. The hollow square convenient the Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference will form a hollow square around the whole. The hollow square convenient of Charleston; Archibianop Bailey, of Baltimore; Bishop Laughlin, of Brocklyn, and those of the clergy of the city who can conveniently attend. Then come the children, male and female, of the parochial school attached to the Cathedral, 1,200 in all, each carrying a small beaquet, which is to be deposited on the catalalque when they pass it. The church will be open until ten o'clock to-night, thus affording all an opportunity of viewing the remains. On Monday the church will be append at six o'clock, but none but these having tickets of admission will be allowed to enter. After high mass to-day the singing of the "Credo" and "Matins" will commence, and all visitors will have to pass in through the centre door on Mott street and out on the side doors of Mulberry street.

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The body is to be placed in the nave of the church, with the head towards the altar and the feet towards the people, a position in which clergymen aione are placed. The catafaique is to be covered with a canopy of immortelles, on the acme of which is to be placed the same urn that was used when Archishop Hughes was lying in state. This is to be surmounted by a black cross, with argental nails, and diagonally on the cross there is to be hung a stole.

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THE DRAFERY OF THE CHURCH.

The interior of the church is elegantly draped in mourning. The standard columns are hung with alternate stripes of black merino and white linen. The organ loft, alter railings and window heavy black

linen. The organ loft, altar railings and window sills are handsomely festooned with heavy black cloth stuff, trimmed with white corded fringe.

THE MUSIC.

Mr. Schmidt has made arrangements for the music, which, if carried into effect, will make the mass one of the grandest ever heard in New York. He expects to have an orchestra and 300 voices from the Liederkranz Society, which, together with his aiready excellent choir, cannot fail to make the musical portion of the programme a success. Archbishop McCloskey is to celebrate a pontifical requiem mass, and Bishop McLaughlin, Dr. Starrs' predecessor, will preach the funeral oration. The mass to be sung is Mozart's requiem in D minor.

Meeting of the Trustees of the Cath At a meeting of the Trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral, held on the 8th day of February, 1873, the following preamble and resolutions were

whereas the Board of Trustees of St. Fatrick's Cathedral has received the sad intelligence of the death of the Very Rev. Dr. William Starra. Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Ngw Y. rk, and desires to give some expression of the teedings of deep sorrow and sincere respect entertained by this body towards him who, for a long series of years, has presided over its deliberations and devoted himself to the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion in this archdiocese;

Resolved, That in a service of nearly forty years spend by the vory Rev. Father Starrs under the ecclesiastical administration in this city of the Right Rev. Bishop Dubots, the Most Rev. Archbishop Hughes, and out present reverted Most Revereud Archbishop McCloskey, the distinguished deceased exhibited an intense devotion to the interest of the Catholic faith and to the promotion of the success of Catholic Institutes of education and of charity. That to his prudence, ludgment, perseverance, industry, unflagring zeal and unceasing attention may be attributed in no small degree these present fourjishing conditions.

Resolved, That, by his uniform suavity of manner, evenness of temper and sound advice extended at all times to the reverend clergy and the latity of the archiocese, he secured to himself while living their love and respect, and in the demise of this good pastor all feel affection of being deprived of so kind a friend and adviser.

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McCloskey, to the reverend clergy and to the laity of this archdiocese our condolence in this great bereavement, whereby His Grace has been deprived of the assistance of an able and safe counselior in the discharge of the arduous and responsible duties of his sacred office, the reverend clergy of a friend and coadjutor and the laity of a faithful and zealous priest.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the minutes, and a copy, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of this Board, be remitted to His Grace the Archbishop, and that the same be published. P. DOLAN, Chairman.

D. Casolis, Secretary.

Funeral Arrangements. OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTERS OF ST. PATRICE'S CATHEDRAL.

of St. Patrick's Cathedral. §
The following arrangements were agreed upon:—
That the body of the late Very Rev. Vicar General be taken from his residence on Sunday, February 9, to the Cathedral, at two o'clock P. M., where it will lie in state until after the high mass on Momday, for the purpose of giving those who may desire to see the remains an opportunity to do so.
The entrance will be from Mott street and exit from Mulberry.
High mass will be celebrated at ten o'clock A. M., Persons will be admitted by tickets. The Com-

Persons will be admitted by tickets. The Committee of Arrangements are compelled to take this course in consequence of their inability to admit the large number who have made application to be present.

P. DOLAN, Chairman, Committee
T. O'DONOHUE,
J. W. McKINLEY,
D. CAROLIN, Secretary.

Arrangements,

UNSAFE BUILDINGS.

Further Report of the Dangerous Cone dition of Tenements, Stores and Schools

Superintendent Macgregor is at present occupled in rendering voluminous reports of the bad condition, as regards safety of health and in case of fire, of the buildings of the city, but these documents have not thus far contained any intimation ments have not thus far contained any intimation of any intention on his part to enforce the law in relation thereto. From the office of the Department of Buildings the last information received is that about one hundred other buildings, besides those the locations of which have already been published, are in a condition detrimental to health and safety. Eleven ward schools, five grammar schools, twelve primary schools and two colored schools have been reported to the Board of Health for its action.